



App No. 10/606,268

Response dated November 1, 2004

Reply to Office Action of June 30, 2004

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Eric N. Smith

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SERIAL NO.: 10/606,268

GROUP ART UNIT: 3617

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EXAMINER: Edwin L. Swinehart

FOR: "Method and Apparatus for Transporting Compressed Natural Gas in a Marine Environment"

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RESPONSE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the Office Action, making a response due by September 30, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response for one month from September 30, 2004 to October 30, 2004.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are shown in strikeout):

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